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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF
Elbert L. McKague, et al.

DOCKET NO. TA-00491C

SERIAL NO.: Unknown

EXAMINER:
Unknown

FILED: Herewith

GROUP ART UNIT:

TITLE: **Unitized Fastenerless
Composite Structure**

Request for Filing a Continuation Application Under 37 C.F.R. 1.78(a)

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Sir:

This is a request for filing a continuation application under 37 C.F.R.1.78(a) of pending prior application Serial No. 09/755,221, filed January 5, 2001 entitled "Unitized Fastenerless Composite Structure".

Enclosed is a copy of the originally filed application including the oath/declaration, assignment filed January 5, 2001 and the subsequently filed Information Disclosure Statement mailed February 8, 2002. I hereby verify that the attached papers are a true copy of the latest inventor signed prior application Serial No. 09/755,221 as originally filed on January 5, 2001 including the oath/declaration, assignment and Information Disclosure Statement, and further that all statements made herein of his own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

After cancellation of claims 1-25 and the addition of new claims 26-42, the fee is due of \$750 for 11 claims and 3 independent claims.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment to Bracewell & Patterson Deposit Account No. 50-0259 (0408RF.045058).

A check is enclosed in the amount of \$750.

The filing fee is calculated below:

CLAIMS AS FILED				
FOR	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE	BASIC FEE \$750/\$375
TOTAL CLAIMS	20 - 11 =	0	X \$18/9	
MULTIPLE CLAIMS			X \$280/140	
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	3 - 3 =	0	X \$84/\$42	
			TOTAL FILING FEE	\$750
			TOTAL FEE	<u>\$750.00</u>

A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.

An Express Abandonment of application S.N. 09/755,221 is enclosed.

Applicants claim large entity status.

The prior application is assigned of record to Lockheed Martin Corporation.

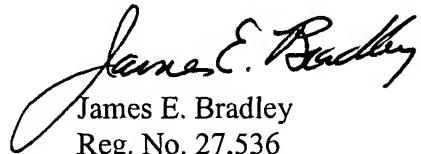
Claims added by this Amendment have been properly numbered consecutively beginning with the number next following the highest original claim in the prior application.

Declaration

The undersigned declares further that the complete copy of the prior application including the oath or declaration as originally filed being submitted herewith are a true copy and all statements made herein of his own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with

the knowledge that willful false statement and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

Respectfully submitted,



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EXAMINER: John J. Guarriello

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GROUP ART UNIT: 1771

TITLE: Unitized Fastenerless Composite Structure

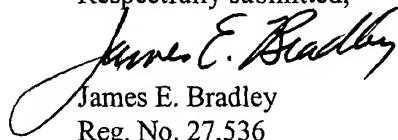
EXPRESS ABANDONMENT

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Sir:

Applicants are simultaneously filing a continuation of the above application. Effective of the granting of a filing date of the continuation, Applicants expressly abandon the above-identified application.

Respectfully submitted,


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REQUEST FOR REFUND

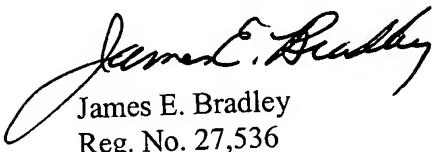
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Sir:

This is a request for a refund of \$750 for the erroneous filing of a Request for Continued Examination. Applicants erroneously mailed an RCE to the Patent Office on May 23,2003 for the subject application after only a first office action. An office action was mailed August 5, 2003, stating that the request for an RCE was improper because it was not requested after final rejection. Applicants are therefore filing a continuation, rather than an RCE.

Applicants request a refund of the \$750 filing fee for the improper request for continued examination.

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is an application of Inventor:
Elbert L. McKague, Jr. and Marvin D. Black

For: UNITIZED FASTENERLESS COMPOSITE STRUCTURE

Enclosed are:

4 sheets of drawings
X Power of Attorney
X Declaration
X Please return the enclosed self-addressed postcard to the
undersigned, properly date stamped, upon receipt of the enclosure.

CLAIMS AS FILED				
FOR	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE	BASIC FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	25 - 20 =	5	X \$18	\$90
MULTIPLE CLAIMS			X \$270/135	
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	3 - 3 =		X \$80/\$40	
TOTAL FILING FEE				\$800

 Reduced fees for small entity

TOTAL FEE \$800.00

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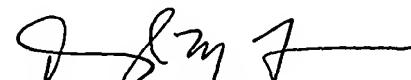
X A check in the amount of \$800 to cover the total fees is enclosed.

X Other: Recordation Form Cover Sheet and Assignment attached.

X Other: Change of Address

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January 5, 2001
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